

# DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE** the specification of which was filed on Sept. 10, 2004 as Application No. PCT/EP04/10109 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, U.S. Application 10/574,389.

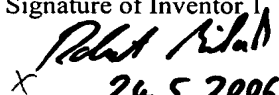
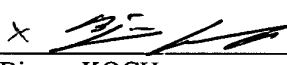
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
Germany	10346479.4	October 2, 2003	Yes
PCT	PCT/EP2004/010109	September 10, 2004	Yes

Full Name of Inventor 1:	Last Name: <b>MIRLACH</b>	Suffix:	First Name: <b>ROBERT</b>	Middle Name or Initial:
Residence & Citizenship:	City: <b>Gauting</b>		State/Foreign Country: <b>Germany</b>	Country of Citizenship: <b>Germany</b>
Post Office Address:	Post Office Address: <b>Koenigswieser Strasse 81a</b>		City: <b>Gauting</b>	State/Country: <b>Germany</b> Postal Code: <b>D-82131</b>
Full Name of Inventor 2:	Last Name: <b>KOCH</b>	Suffix:	First Name: <b>BJOERN</b>	Middle Name or Initial:
Residence & Citizenship:	City: <b>Neuweiler-Breitenberg</b>		State/Foreign Country: <b>Germany</b>	Country of Citizenship: <b>Germany</b>
Post Office Address:	Post Office Address: <b>Lauchweg 3</b>		City: <b>Neuweiler-Breitenberg</b>	State/Country: <b>Germany</b> Postal Code: <b>D-75389</b>

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signature of Inventor 1  X <u>24.5.2006</u> Robert MIRLACH Date: X <u>24.5.2006</u>	Signature of Inventor 2  X <u>11.05.2006</u> Bjoern KOCH Date: X <u>11.05.2006</u>
--	--